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WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2005 (Paper No. 010205). Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required, but expressly request an extension, and provide an authorization to charge our firm deposit account, should an extension be needed. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.

Applicants request that Examination of this the application be conducted with the "special dispatch" required by MPEP §§ 708.01(F), 2307.